



Interoffice Memo
Office of Design Policy & Support

DATE: 1/29/2021

FILE: P.I.# 0013752
Sumter County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston
SR 377 @ HOG #635346H IN AMERICUS
Bridge Replacement

FROM: *Dave Peters*
for R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT

Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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Location and Design Report

DATE: 5/27/2020

FILE: P.I.# 0013752
Sumter County / GDOT District
SR 377 @ HOG #635346H In Americus

 for
FROM: Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: Brent A. Story, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer
Attn: Dave Peters, P.E.

SUBJECT: Request for Location and Design Approval

Description and Project Proposal: This project is the replacement of a bridge along SR 377 that spans the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Railroad, Structure ID 261-0040-0 and is located in Americus, Sumter, GA. The project length is approximately 0.1 miles beginning 244-ft south of the existing bridge and ends approximately 152-ft north of the existing bridge. The typical section of SR 377 consists of two 17-ft travel lanes with urban shoulders and sidewalks. A 55-ft. long by 60-ft. wide bridge containing two 17-ft travel lanes with 5 to 11-ft sidewalks would be built along the existing alignment, meeting current LRFD loading requirements. The project is in Land District 27. Traffic will be staged utilizing an offsite detour. Detour duration will be 9 months.

Concept Approval Date: June 6, 2019

Concept Update: N/A

Environmental Document Type: NEPA - CE w/ a programmatic 4f **Approval Date:** 1-27-2021

Public Involvement:

- Stakeholder Meeting:
 - A Stakeholder meeting was held on April 24, 2018. A total of 24 people were in attendance.
 - Barry Blount, Mayor of Americus
 - Randy Howard, Chairman Sumter County Commission
 - Below is a breakdown of the nine (9) comments that were received:
 - Opposed: 1
 - In Support: 7
 - Uncommitted: 0
 - Conditional: 1
 - MAJOR CONCERNS:

- General support and appreciation for the concept to replace the bridge at its current elevation. Those offering conditional support or opposition did so relating to the railroad clearance and the desire to raise the bridge to accommodate double stacking of rail cars.
- Public Information/Detour Open House Results Summary:
 - A Public Information Open House (PDOH) was held on May 10, 2018. A total of 58 people were in attendance.
 - Bill McGowan, State Representative
 - Randy Howard, Chairman Sumter County Commission
 - Judge Rucker Smith, GA Superior Court
 - Kelvin Pless, City of Americus, Councilmember
 - Charles Christmas, City of Americus, Councilmember
 - Medra Krenson, Sumter County BOE/Americus Preservation Commission
 - George Hooks, State Senator, Retired
 - Below is a breakdown of the twenty (20) comments that were received from the public:
 - Opposed: 0
 - In Support: 7
 - Uncommitted: 3
 - Conditional: 7
 - MAJOR CONCERNS:
 - General support and appreciation for the concept to replace the bridge at its current elevation. Those offering conditional support remained concerned that the elevation might be raised. Additionally, several individuals expressed concern about local detour route, which would result in increased traffic on narrow residential streets. The desire to accommodate rail traffic while not affecting the historic integrity of the area was noted by 2 commenters (draw bridge/rail bypass).

Consistency with Approved Planning: The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

Recommendations: Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

Concur:



GDOT Director of Engineering

6/12/2020

Date

Approve:

For

GDOT Chief Engineer

6-15-2020

Date

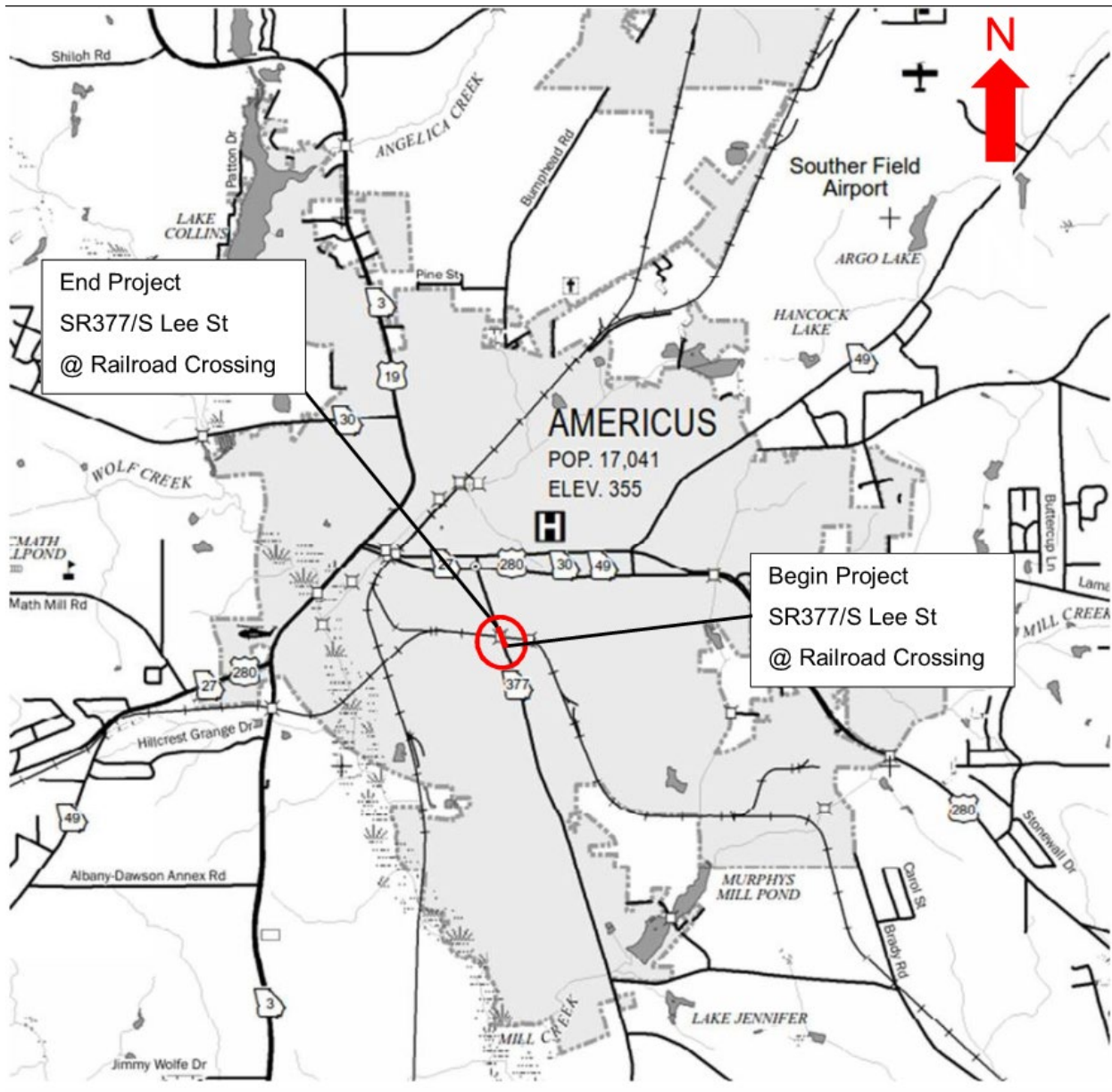
DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL:

January 29, 2021 *DRP*

(To be entered by State Conceptual Design
Group Manager)

Attachments:

- Location Map
- Notice of Location and Design Approval



NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

P. I. 0013752

SUMTER COUNTY

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: January 29, 2021

This project is the replacement of a bridge along SR 377 that spans the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Railroad, Structure ID 261-0040-0 and is located in Americus, Sumter, GA. The existing bridge was built in 1911.

The construction proposes a new 55-ft. long by 60-ft. wide bridge containing two 17-ft travel lanes and 11-ft sidewalks will be built along the existing alignment that meets current LRFD loading requirements. Traffic will be staged utilizing an offsite detour. The project is approximately 0.1 miles long and is in Land District 27.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Greg Jones, Area 3 Engineer (District 3)
District 3, Area 3
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200 Julianne Drive Perry, GA 31069
478-988-7151

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator
Office of Program Delivery
Attn: Jonathan Barnett
jbarnett@dot.ga.gov
600 West Peachtree St NW 25th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
205-807-5046

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.